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In re application of Lou Porto

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Examiner: Lee, Kevin

**For: Automated Water Disabling
Valve for an Appliance**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
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Amendment/Response to Office Action

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the communication dated July 12, 2004, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-5 and substitute the following claims therefor:

Claims 1-5. (Canceled).

6.(new) In combination with an appliance having a water supply line, an automated water disabling valve comprising:

a hollow shell in fluid communication with said water supply line, said shell having an inlet, an outlet and a conduit extending therebetween;

a sensing means for determining if water is flowing through said shell, said sensing means including a channel extending from a first position on said conduit proximal said inlet to a second position adjacent said outlet, said channel including a throat therein, said sensing means further including a spring-biased magnet received within said channel and a Hall effect device